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HAD HARD TIME.
Suicide of Boy Who Did Nothing But Work.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—John McCartney, fifteen years old, shot and killed himself in his bed-room in his employer's home yesterday. He was apparently in good spirits when he entered the room a few minutes before the shot was fired.

The following note was found on the bureau:
"To whom it may concern:
"I am to die like a dog would, but I am better off dead. I do nothing but work. May I say good bye to everyone."
McCartney had been employed by a dairyman near his widowed mother's home.

THE DALHOUSIE ROBBERY.
In the Dalhousie post office robbery case George Chifferton testified that Johnson had arranged with him to commit the robbery, leaving the window so that he could get in, and the money in a drawer previously indicated, where he could easily lay his hand on it. Chifferton says he carried out the robbery according to the programme and afterwards divided the money with Johnson. Detective Chamberlain also gave evidence and stated that Johnson, when he found that Chifferton had confessed, and was confronted with certain incriminating letters, admitted his own guilt in the matter. He therefore stands committed for trial for the robbery and later will be tried on the charge of sending poisoned candy through the mails to Chifferton.

THE DEADLY TOY PISTOL.
(Pictou Advocate.)
By forwarding through the post a letter containing 500 odd toy pistol caps some unthinking person came near causing the destruction of the post-office at North Range, Digby county, a few days since. The caps were exploded when the package was being stamped, and it was with difficulty that the building was saved from being burned.

Scotch soft coal, \$5.50. Gibbon & Co.

LOCAL NEWS.

Scotch anthracite, special offer. Gibbon & Co.

Silas Flowers, of Gibson, York County, is dead, aged 72 years. He was a native of Queens county.

Lemont, 173 Union street, makes Peanut Brittle to perfection.

A Salisbury letter to the Times says:—Mrs. B. A. Stammers will very kindly throw her house open on Wednesday evening, 18th, for the Baptist people's annual basket social.

Manufacturers' samples of ladies' children's and men's hose, prices way down. Also sample line of spring and summer gloves, great variety and correct styles. Extra values. Mrs. Hetherington's, 131 Charlotte street (Berryman Block.)

G. W. P. Rev. J. W. Hamilton and officers of Grand Division S. of T. accompanied by the propagation committee, will officially visit Gurney Division No. 5, S. of T. in the Temperance hall, Market Building, on Thursday, 19th inst. at 8 p. m.

A party of twenty-five Italians, who have been engaged to work with the Dominion Steel Company, passed through the city today on their way from Boston to Sydney. They were in charge of Contractor Cossoloni, who hires men for the steel company.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers must send in copy before 9.30 a. m. to insure insertion that day. It would greatly favor the Star if the copy could be sent in during the afternoon prior to its publication.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Very Few Celebrated the Day in an Unruly Manner.

The police court docket this morning showed that the day of Ireland's patron saint had not been generally observed as an occasion for drinking. Only four drunks found their way into the meshes of the police net and the day was not particularly responsible for these.

Ada Hector, a dusky belle of Duke street gave way to the promptings of a spirituous consciousness and unblushingly admitted that she had been quite drunk. Eight or two months.

Harvey Edwards, from Drury Cove, considered that the circumstances in connection with his arrest were, to say the least, rather peculiar. He was fined four dollars, and left his overcoat, a brown ulster, which looks too small for any of the cops, as a pledge for the money, which, he said, he would bring in a few minutes. He had been drunk on Market square, and while the police were busying themselves with him W. I. Brown came along and made some remarks concerning a saloon keeper who had refused to give him liquor. Brown was fined eight dollars for profanity.

Thomas Mitchell, who was found wandering about the streets at an early hour this morning, could not give a satisfactory account of himself and was remanded that he might have time to think.

John Dean, arrested for assaulting William Peckham, wanted a witness called and was remanded.

THEY DON'T COME BACK.

Magistrate Ritchie, in the goodness of his heart sometimes lets prisoners off more easily than they deserve, and it not infrequently happens that an offender is let go upon promising to come back with or send the money to pay back with. During the present week two or three have been released on this condition, but the money has not been heard of. One man said he would walk to Smith Town and send in the necessary four dollars. Another was going to his ship and would be right back with the money. But it hasn't come.

Some little time ago a young man from the North End got his freedom upon promising to bring back the cash. Said if he did not return that afternoon it would not be his fault. Evidently there has been a case of abduction or forcible detention in the North End for the man has not been seen in court since. The magistrate ordered that a warrant be issued for his arrest, but this is regarded as only a bluff.

A NEW CARNATION.

The carnation is today the leading cut plant, and the demand for it is increasing by leaps and bounds. Its vitality is remarkable, for it will keep its freshness longer than any other cut flower, particularly the rose, which, although having had great popularity, is now used chiefly for funeral purposes.

There are several varieties of the carnation, one of which, known as the Lawson carnation, has a value of \$30,000. Peter Fisher of Massachusetts is known as the producer of this species, and received the above named sum for the same. He has also produced two other varieties of equal value.

A leading florist of St. John is about to enter upon the experiment of growing this variety in large quantities, and will make a large extension to his hot-houses at Bloomfield, Kings county. His premises now occupy 10,000 square feet, and he believes that his new venture will prove a genuine success.

R. K. Y. CLUB SMOKER.

The last smoker of the season will be held by the R. K. Yacht Club in their rooms on Prince William street this evening. An excellent programme introducing some entirely new features has been prepared and during the evening refreshments will be served.

At the Millidgeville club house the club steward, with the unpronounceable name, who is known as John Johnson, has been for the past two weeks busily engaged in preparing the yachts for the summer work. The spars are being scraped, the accumulation of winter's dirt being removed and everything being made ready. It is not likely that any of the boats will be put in the water for some time yet, but when the season opens the sport will go with a swing.

THE CUP DEFENDER.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The name of the new cup defender to meet the Shamrock III, will be Reliance. This was officially announced tonight by the secretary of the New York Yacht Club on behalf of C. Oliver Igelin.

GOOD SETTLERS.

The Middlemore Children Who Come to This Province.

Something About the System by Which They Are Cared For.

Frank A. Gerow, agent for the Middlemore Home at Bloomfield Station, Kings Co., was in the city yesterday, and in reply to the Star's questions talked interestingly of the Middlemore work for boys and girls.

The central home is in Birmingham, England, and was organized by John T. Middlemore over thirty years ago, to assist poor children to new homes in Canada. For the last seven years children from this home have been coming to the maritime provinces. There is a receiving home at Halifax, and for this province there is a home at Bloomfield Station, in charge of Mr. Gerow.

John T. Middlemore is a member of the British parliament and colleague of Joseph Chamberlain.

The children from the Middlemore homes are taken from Birmingham and surrounding cities. They are not juvenile offenders against the laws, but children who have lost one or both of their parents and are in need of a home.

During the last seven years about 1,200 of these children have come to these provinces. Mr. Gerow says that in the four years he has been agent for the company an average of about 120 per year have been brought out. About June 9 or 10th next, 130 will arrive at the Halifax home.

About two-thirds of those who come are boys. Most of those who have come to this province are in York and Carleton. Mr. Spurden, of the People's Bank, Fredericton, and Major Vince of Woodstock do all in their power for the good of the young people in those districts. Their services are voluntary, however, and when the various young people are to be visited an agent comes from Halifax. Mr. Gerow has charge for Kings, Queens, St. John, Albert and parts of Westmorland and Charlotte. He looks after the welfare of the young people, and where one is ill-used takes him or her away. He has power to prosecute for extreme ill-use.

The dominion government pays \$2 per head for these little immigrants. Mr. Middlemore contributes \$1,000 per year, and the rest of the funds needed are voluntarily contributed in England.

Mr. Gerow says that not one of the boys or girls brought here has been added to the criminal class. They are a good class of children. As an illustration he mentions the fact that three young men, who are now in their eighteenth years are now employed in a St. John factory, another is learning the dry goods business, and three girls now with St. John families earning wages for themselves, are greatly prized by their employers. Of course as many as possible of those who come out are given homes in the country, and they are growing up to be good Canadian citizens.

As an illustration of how carefully these young people are looked after, the person making application for a boy or girl must sign the following agreement:—

"I herewith apply for a boy of..... years, and, if necessary in my application, I agree to provide him proper food and clothing, so that he shall be as well clothed as at present, and medical attendance; also with such common school education as is supplied in the district where I reside; and I undertake that he shall attend Sunday school and divine worship, and I undertake when he is old enough, to pay him in place of providing clothing, sufficient wages for services he may render me, and also to retain him in my employ up to the age of 18 years, unless there be full and adequate cause for his removal; in which case he shall be returned to Mr. Middlemore's home after not less than a month's notice with as good a supply of clothes as when I received him; and I undertake to furnish a report as often as required of his (1) health, (2) general conduct, and (3) education. I acknowledge John T. Middlemore to be the guardian of the said boy, and I agree to permit him or his agents, at all times to have access to the said boy, and I acknowledge the right of John T. Middlemore or his agent to remove him from my custody if he shall consider it in the interest of the said boy, of which he or his agent shall be the sole judge."

He must also present a recommendation as follows, signed by a clergyman:—

"I can conscientiously and cordially recommend Mr. as in every way a suitable person to be entrusted with the care of a boy, and thoroughly competent to train him to become a useful member of society. I have furnished a supervision over any boy John T. Middlemore or his agents may entrust to and I will forward a report of his progress and general condition once a year if required."

Are you using Red Rose—the "good tea"?

C. P. R. ACCIDENT.

The Montreal express is between four and six hours late today. The delay is due to an accident which occurred at Hardy Pond, fifteen miles this side of Brownville at half past five o'clock this morning.

Full particulars have not yet been received, but it is understood that the rails at Hardy Pond had spread and although the engine passed over in safety almost the entire train was derailed. All the cars, with the exception of the sleeper, left the track and two of them turned partly on one side. The line at this point is not particularly dangerous, and for this reason, among others, the rolling stock was practically uninjured. The truck on one car was somewhat damaged. No persons were hurt.

An auxiliary train was sent out from Brownville and the derailed cars hauled back on the track.

NEW FURNITURE FIRM.

Everett & Sime, the new furniture firm, are to be found at No. 51 Charlotte street. Mr. Chas. S. Everett, who has long been known in connection with the furniture business in St. John, has associated with himself Robert S. Sime, well and favorably known in the house furnishing trade in this city, and of late manager for Gordon & Keith, Halifax.

WHERE THE CARS STOP.

Street Railway Take Measures for Better Service—Further Improvements.

The Street Railway Company began this morning the first of the series of improvements which they hope will make their service this summer in every way satisfactory to the city.

There have been many complaints over the slackness of the present service and the frequency with which the cars run behind time. This is largely caused by the too frequent stoppage of the cars for passengers at any point along the route. Today workmen are affixing to the wires above the tracks signs reading "Cars stop here," and as soon as this is completed passengers will be taken on only at places so marked.

By this plan considerable time will be saved, and after the patrons get accustomed to the idea the improved service will make up for the trifling inconvenience. The signs will be placed on practically all street corners, and when the blocks are long in the districts will be placed midway between streets. For instance, the signs on Prince William street, one placed at the foot of King, at the corner of Church street, Princess street, Duke street, in front of the custom house, Queen street and St. James street. For passengers getting off the cars, especially on rainy days, a little more latitude will be allowed.

The six new cars which are expected shortly will be placed on the main line and on Douglas avenue will further improve the service. With these additions and the improvements in the way of double tracking the company expect to give a three minute schedule on the busy part of their main line, instead of the present five minute service.

Proposed improvements in the tracks which will be made as soon as the rails arrive will be the double tracking of Douglas avenue and the changing of the line in the city so that green cars instead of turning down from Princess street by way of Carmarthen to Duke will run along Princess to Wentworth, by Wentworth to King street east, down to Pitt and thence along to Brittain. Red cars will come along St. James and up to the head of King by the present route. This will do away with the frequent waits now necessary for the red and green cars to cross. This will leave unused the short stretches of track between Princess and Duke streets and between Brittain and St. James. These will probably be taken up.

PERSONAL.

Miss Julia McCarthy went to Fredericton yesterday, where she sang last night in an entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayward came home from the States yesterday.

Miss Ada White, who was visiting her brother, Dr. J. White, Shediac, has returned.

H. A. Powell of Sackville was in town yesterday.

D. W. Newcomb, of the C. P. R., Woodstock, is at the Dufferin.

James J. Dunn, of Chatham, was in town yesterday.

Harry Frink, son of R. W. W. Frink, arrived home from Winnipeg yesterday to spend a well-earned vacation. Mr. Frink is one of the staff of the Bank of Commerce in the western metropolis, and has been away over a year.

Mrs. Lawrence and daughter of Wolfville are visiting in St. John.

Wylie McC. Manning, son of Rev. Dr. J. W. Manning of St. John, has successfully passed the Dalhousie Law School examinations.

Mrs. Geo. E. Smith of St. John is the guest of her mother, Mrs. William Gordon, in Pictou.

THE DOHERTY BURGLARY.

Joseph J. Sullivan had his picture taken today. These photos are handy things to have at times. He was brought before the magistrate on preliminary examination, and after the hearing of some evidence was remanded until Friday. Hugh Doherty, Walter McGuigan and John Riley were the witnesses. Mr. Doherty told the kind of tobacco which had been stolen from his shop and identified that recovered by the police as being of the same brands. Mr. Riley said that on Friday he had bought nine plugs of tobacco from Sullivan for twenty-five cents.

MAY BE INSANE.

John McDonald, 51 years of age, was taken in charge by the police, last night as he was supposed to be contemplating suicide. He is cutter in Wm. Martin & Sons' tailor shop on Dock street, and last evening tried to purchase rough on rats and strychnine at N. B. Smith's drug store. Mr. Smith refused to give any. Later on the man was found standing on the end of North Market wharf. Dr. Berryman, who was called, advised that the man be looked after by the police. He is said to have shown some signs of mental derangement. This morning McDonald was remanded to jail by the magistrate.

LOCAL.

To those who desire to secure a superior grade of soft coal it will be interesting to know that a special importation of the celebrated "Virtue-well" coal, one of the best soft coals mined in Scotland, has been brought here in the steamer Alcides by Gibbon & Co. The Scotch anthracite coal which has given such good satisfaction here was also first imported by Gibbon & Co. While this Scotch soft coal is claimed to be far superior to the ordinary soft coals it will be sold at a very reasonable rate.

NEW BRUNSWICK COPPER.

(Moncton Times.)
Col. Alperston, managing director of the Maritime Reduction and Copper Co., and Major Dawson, of Dawsonville, who is also a stockholder in the company, returned yesterday from the Vernon copper mine. Talking to a Times reporter, Col. Alperston says work is progressing satisfactorily at the mine. The big tunnel is now in a distance of 183 feet and work will shortly be resumed on the breakwater. In a few weeks time Col. Alperston expects to have things booming at the mine.

THEIR EVENING.

Patriotic lecture by Rev. G. M. Campbell, before Barons Class, Leinster Street Baptist church. Subject: "Our Western Heritage." Social and literary entertainment in German Street Baptist church. Meeting Rifle Club at R. J. Wilkins' store, King street. Meeting Court Martello, I. O. F., in Foresters' Hall.

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